

Hunting Update

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Dear Friend:

As fall approaches, it is time to begin planning for the time honored Michigan tradition of hunting. With many different hunting options – deer, turkey, elk, bear, waterfowl — there is sure to be something for every outdoor enthusiast.


As your state Senator, I thought I would share some helpful hints that will make your hunting experiences more enjoyable. Even if you don't hunt and just like to enjoy nature in the fall, these tips will help keep you and your families safe and informed. Enclosed you will find information on hunting seasons, license requirements, a dove hunting update, safety tips and much more.

I trust you will find this update useful. As usual, I encourage and welcome your suggestions and comments on ways I can help preserve Michigan's natural beauty and hunting heritage. I look forward to hearing from you and wish everyone a safe hunting season.

Sincerely,

Wayne Kuipers
State Senator
30th District

Welcome to E-License



The Michigan DNR E-License system is designed to allow residents to purchase hunting and fishing licenses, special hunt applications and permits 24 hours a day, 7 days a week within applicable sales dates. You will also be able to print most small game and fishing licenses using your own printer. Kill tags also are available for sale on E-License. Expect them to arrive within 7 business days of your purchase.

www.michigan.gov/dnr



CCW Update

Hunters with a CCW license can now carry their concealed pistols while hunting on state land under legislation signed into law earlier this year. Previously, DNR regulations did not allow CCW holders to carry their firearm while hunting. While the new law permits hand guns on state land, it does not allow hunters to use their pistol for the purpose of hunting. For more information on the legislation, Senate Bill 221 of 2004, contact my office toll-free at 1-877-KUIPERS or visit www.michiganlegislature.org.

Senator Kuipers, member of the NRA and the MCRGO, enjoys the Michigan outdoors during hunting season.

Hunting License Requirements

To buy a hunting license, a hunter must have a valid Michigan driver license, a valid Michigan ID card and additional proof of residency, or a Michigan DNR Sportscard (issued through a license dealer). In addition, all hunters born on or after January 1, 1960 must also present their Hunter Safety Certificate, previous hunting license or sign their license in the presence of the license dealer.

The DNR also reminds hunters that:

- All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature certifies that you meet required residency and hunter safety requirements.
- Licenses and the identification used to purchase that license must be carried at all times when hunting or trapping.
- It is illegal to use another person's hunting license.

For more detailed information on how to obtain a hunting or harvesting license in Michigan, visit the DNR's website at www.michigan.gov/dnr or talk to a license vendor.

2004-2005 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide

The 2004-2005 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide provides comprehensive information and regulations on hunting seasons, wildlife, trapping and harvesting, wildlife diseases, hunting with disabilities, places to hunt and much more. The guide can be found on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnr. For a hard copy contact your local license agent.

2004 Hunting Guides

Before heading out to hunt, check the DNR web site for important information on hunting dates, regulations, applications, updates and reminders. Visit the DNR online at www.michigan.gov/dnr to view the following 2004 specialty hunting guides:

Fall Turkey Hunting Guide
Bear Hunting Guide
Elk Hunting Guide
Antlerless Deer Hunting Guide



Baiting and Feeding Differences

"Baiting" is defined as putting out food materials for deer to attract, lure, or entice them as an aid in hunting. A person baiting deer must comply with the baiting regulations.

"Feeding" is defined as individuals placing food materials out that attract deer or elk for any reason other than baiting. Feeding for recreational viewing purposes must follow regulations for recreational viewing. Supplemental feeding of deer is prohibited with the exception of eight Upper Peninsula counties.

Food plots, naturally occurring foods, standing agricultural crops, or food that is in place as part of normal farming practices are not considered baiting or feeding.

For further regulations and specifications visit www.michigan.gov/dnr.

BOW

Becoming an **Outdoors-Woman (BOW)** is sponsored by the DNR and is designed to provide outdoors educational opportunities for women. Workshops teach women the necessary skills to fully enjoy the outdoor environment. The workshops are either a day or weekend long and provide opportunities in three general program areas: shooting and hunting, fishing, and eco-sports, such as kayaking, camping or orienteering. For more information, or to sign up for a workshop call the Becoming an **Outdoors-Woman (BOW)** coordinator at (517) 241-2225 or send an e-mail to marlal@michigan.gov.



Did You Know?

Hunter Safety, Marine, ORV, and Snowmobile Classes are available. Search for them online at www.michigandnr.com/hunting/recnsrch.asp

Sign up for a Michigan State Park campground or harbor reservation online at www.midnr.reservations.com/campgrounds/index.cfm

The DNR keeps up-to-date information on wildlife rehabilitators. To find one near you visit www.michigandnr.com/dlr/

Senator Kuipers, an avid bow hunter, practices near his home in Ottawa County. For more information on bow hunting and regulations visit www.michigan.gov/dnr



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Dove Hunting Update



Michigan hunters will be able to hunt mourning doves for the first time under Public Act 160 of 2004 that was signed into law June 22. The DNR and NRC are making recommendations, based on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regulations, to open the season this fall. According to the recommendations, hunters would be allowed to hunt mourning doves in six counties bordering Indiana and Ohio for a trial period of three years. The DNR will continually monitor the effects of hunting on the mourning dove population.

Important DNR

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In order to keep you and your family up to date with the actions of the Michigan Legislature, please fill out and return this form to receive your free e-mail update. My office also maintains a collection of useful publications that may be of interest to you. Requests will be mailed to you by filling out the following form:

- ☐ State of Michigan Map
- ☐ 2004 Michigan Bear Hunting Guide
- ☐ 2004 Waterfowl Reserved Hunt Application Guide
- ☐ 2004 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide
- ☐ 2004 Michigan Antlerless Deer Hunting Guide

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